

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for the automated handling of availability-checking, reservation and allocation processes in relationship to localized products and/or ~~services on offer, wherein against the background of a need on the user's side under utilization of a supraregional communications link,~~ the method comprising:

- a) ~~on the user selects 's side a specification is carried out concerning an offer of~~ an on the offeror's side;
- b) ~~the user transmits an identification code which is exclusively assigned to is transmitted by the user's side; and~~
- c) ~~the offeror makes a reservation, wherein under storage of the identification code is stored and provides and a provision of a reservation and identification information to an identification verification system are carried out by the offeror's side;~~
~~and wherein under utilization of a local area communications link;~~
- d) a non-contact identification verification is carried out when the user enters within a close-up range of the identification verification system; and
- e) a grant of access to the user is carried out upon a positive identification verification,
wherein steps a), b) and c) are carried out under utilization of a supraregional communications link, and steps d) and e) are carried out under utilization of a local-area communications link.

2. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the supraregional communications link is a mobile network system.

3. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile network system.

4. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio link.

5. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the identification for a particular use is issued for a limited area or time.

6. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is activated by the user.

7. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the non-contact identification verification is accomplished by optical means.

8. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the identification provided by the user's side for transmission and/or verification purposes is released by selective activation.

9. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein data-transfer, availability-checking, reservation and allocation or assignment processes are performed with an aid of a central processing system.

10. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 9, wherein the central processing system is equipped with data telecommunications interfaces as well as systems for inquiry analysis, availability checking, the generation and transmission of offers, identification acceptance and storage, communication with identification verification and/or access authorization systems and point-of-sale management units.

11. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the user employs the method for reserving parking space in park garage systems and obtaining access to the parking space thus reserved.

12. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein, ~~under utilization of a~~
~~identification and of an information related to its use,~~ an accounting statement is automatically
generated, wherein the identification code and information related to the use of the method are
used.